

**PIKE COUNTY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Pike County Courthouse  
Pikeville, Kentucky**

**January 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.**

**CHAIR: Judge/Executive Wayne T. Rutherford**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:**

**Magistrate Jeff Anderson  
City Manager/AOC Representative Donovan Blackburn  
Circuit Court Clerk David Deskins  
AOC Project Manager Jeff Lilly  
Citizen at Large Hon. Charles E. Lowe, Jr.  
District Judge Darrell Mullins  
State Bar Association Representative Neal Smith**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Debbie Bailey, Grace Fellowship  
Ryan Barrow of Ross, Sinclair & Associates  
Bobby Branham, Executive Assistant to Judge/Executive  
Roland Case, Assistant Pike County Attorney  
Rhonda James, Finance Commissioner of Fiscal Court  
Carrie Moore, Executive Assistant to Judge/Executive  
Jeanne Robinson, Executive Assistant to Judge/Executive  
Steve Sherman of Sherman, Carter & Barnhart, Architects  
David Sumner of Codell Construction  
Rose Farley, Recorder**

**MEMBER OF BOARD ABSENT:**

**Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman**

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Judge/Executive Wayne T. Rutherford, Chair of the Pike County Project Development Board, called to order a special meeting of the Board on January 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the Pike County Fiscal Courtroom, Pike County Courthouse, 146 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky. The regularly scheduled date for the meeting fell on New Year's Day so proper notice of the change was duly published in the local newspaper.

Judge Rutherford called upon Assistant Pike County Attorney R. Roland Case to update the Board on routine expenses related to the condemnation suits. Attorney Case stated that the Pike County Fiscal Court had authorized payment to 1) The Sheriff of Pike County for service of summons; 2) the Fayette County Sheriff for service of summons on the U.S. Attorney; 3) issuance of three separate checks to the commissioners who were appointed for seven actions and three commissioners; 4) Warning Order Attorney Fee to Steve Hogg; and certified mailing. AOC Project Manager Jeff Lilly explained that these bills would have to be turned into him before payment and he would have AOC review them. He said authorization to pay these will be on next month's agenda.

Attorney Case stated further that all the cases have been filed and all but one summons issued and the Clerk has sent out all mailings. Steve Hogg has been appointed Warning Order Attorney and indicated to Attorney Case that these should be out and finished today with unknown leaseholders identified. Attorney Case placed some of the answers received in today's packets for the Board to review. He said two of the landowners are going to contest the actual taking of the properties and Larry Webster, a local attorney, has contested the constitutionality of the condemnations. Mr. Webster is a leaseholder with three years remaining. Attorney Case said the question of a new location could be examined but once the money is paid into the court, the Board may not back out. He noted many owners are involved in the properties and several are in Florida for the winter season. He added that John Davis, a local attorney, has been an active participant in all of this.

Steve Sherman of Sherman, Carter and Barnhart, Architects, came to present and show updated designs and drawings of the floor plans for the Board. He provided these to each member. These included computer renderings of the building and typical courtrooms. He explained windows matching the same design as the old courthouse windows, bench designs, recessed lighting, and the exterior design of the building. Fire exits are at both sides of the building. He felt specific requirements from Family Court Judge Larry Thompson have been addressed. He emphasized he knew the principal concern to be energy savings for Judge Rutherford and the Board and stated the designs were based upon achieving that goal. He said the design development would be submitted to AOC on Monday of the coming week but he needed the Board's approval of the designs presented today. **Upon motion by Neal Smith and second by Judge Darrell Mullins, the Board unanimously APPROVED and ACCEPTED the design plans presented by Steve Sherman of Sherman, Carter and Barnhart, on this date in open meeting.**

David Deskins, Circuit Court Clerk, asked about a geothermal mechanical system and was told it will be placed. Neal Smith commented how great the plans looked. Judge Darrell Mullins said he could not think of anything that has not been approached and thought out. Judge Rutherford urged everyone to make sure the Bar Association is kept advised of the changes in design, noting this plan is 100% green. Judge Rutherford stated, "I think we will have the finest judicial building in the Commonwealth."

David Sumner of Codell Construction said he would go to Frankfort in September. Ryan Barrow of Ross Sinclair & Associates reported the price per square foot proved to be actually lower than first estimated, noting the cost had gone down about \$1.4 million. He felt this to be partly because interest rates have gone down and construction rates are lower than before. He stressed, "Today, we are within budget." He praised the architects and construction officers for doing a wonderful job.

With no further business to come before the Board, Donovan Blackburn moved to ADJOURN with second by Judge Darrell Mullins and unanimous vote following.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Farley, Recorder